55. Al-Wali
(The Friend)

"When Allah becomes your friend, no enemy can harm you; and if He is not your friend, no friend can benefit you."

- Abu Yazid al-Bistami (804-874 CE)
Source: Recorded in al-Sulami's "Tabaqat al-Sufiyya"

For a bad charactered wife this Beautiful Name of Allah should be recited excessively in her presence. She will soon reform, Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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AL-WALEE ﷻ (THE HELPER AND GUARDIAN ﷻ)

Different definitions have been mentioned regarding this blessed name:
1.) Walee refers to a person who is a guardian. The walee of an orphan is the person who has taken responsibility to look after him in all conditions. Al-Walee ﷻ is that Being who takes responsibility to see to the needs of His servants, Muslim and non-Muslim, pious and sinful. No servant, jinn, star, planet or spiritual guide can assist a person in real need. The only Being who can do so is Allaah ﷻ.
2.) Walee refers to a helper. Al-Walee ﷻ is the Helper of the believers in this aspect that He ﷻ has taken the responsibility to assist them and guide them, just as a guardian takes the responsibility to care for a small child. He ﷻ removes them from darkness into light. He ﷻ has also taken the responsibility to reward them and grant them a befitting recompense on the Day of Judgement. If this meaning is considered, then this name is specific for the believers. Allaah ﷻ states, (addressing Nabee ﷺ, who is commanded to proclaim,) "Verily my walee (Helper) is Allaah ﷻwho has revealed the Book. And He continues to care for the pious." Allaah ﷻ is addressing His nabee, commanding him to say to the polytheist idol-worshippers, "My helper, assistant, aide and protecter from you is Allaah ﷻ who has revealed the true Book. He ﷻ befriends those of His creation whose actions are noble due to obeying Him."
Helpers and assistants are many, but the only helper who can assist one at every occasion, in every place, individually and collectively, and who will in addition show love and compassion is only Allaah ﷻ, Al-Walee.
3.) Walee means close. Al-Walee is that Being who is close to His pious servants. The relationship of closeness and friendship which Allaah ﷻ has with His pious servants is the result of their beautiful actions. ﴿هوَ وَلِيُّهُمْ﴾ The commentators state that in this verse, the extreme honour and admiration of those servants who do noble deeds is clear, as they are close to Allaah ﷻ and Allaah ﷻ is close to them. Allaah ﷻ is close to every servant. However, by closeness here is meant a special connection

and relationship which a servant has with Allaah ﷻ and which Allaah ﷻ has with His servants. (عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ) illustrates the servants closeness to Allaah ﷻ and the words (وَلِيُّهُمْ) displays Allaah ﷻ's closeness with His servants.

بِمَا كَانُوْا يَعْمَلُوْنَ This shows that the honour and rank they will receive in the hereafter, whether it is the abode of safety or gaining Allaah ﷻ's friendship is due to their noble actions. There is no way of attaining these bounties with abandonment of actions.

4.) Walee refers to a lover. Al-Walee ﷻ is that Being who loves His friends, assists them against their enemies, whether humans, carnal desires and all those enemies which become a barrier in preparation for the Hereafter.
No one can cause harm to that person who Allaah ﷻ assists. The miracle of Ibraaheem عليه السلام is famous. Namrood wanted to burn him in the fire, but by the Mercy of Allaah ﷻ, the fire could not harm him in the least.
Allaah ﷻ exhibited His power in a similar manner for the ummah of Nabi Muhammad ﷺ on behalf of a pious personality, Abu Muslim Khawlaanee (rahimahullah). The false claimant of nabuwwah (prophethood), Aswad Anasee of Yemen called for him and demanded that he should testify to his (Aswad's) messengership. However, he رحمه الله refused to attest to any nabee after Nabee ﷺ. On hearing this, Aswad gathered an enormous amount of firewood and lit a huge fire. He then proceeded to throw Abu Muslim Khawlaanee (rahimahullah) into this blazing fire.

However, Allaah ﷻ rendered the fire harmless for him and he emerged unscathed. The people advised Aswad Anasee not to trouble him any further. However, they also felt that if he remained there, he would cause rebellion against Aswad. Therefore, Aswad should rather expel him. Heeding their advice, Aswad banished Abu Muslim Khawlaanee (rahimahullah).

Ejected from Yemen, he proceeded to Madeenah Munawwarah. When he reached Madeenah Munawwarah, Abu Bakr had already been appointed khalifah after the demise of Rasulullaah ﷺ. On nearing Masjid Nabawee, he tied his camel and began performing salaah behind a certain pillar. Umar ﷺ saw him and enquired, "Where have you come from?"

He answered, "From Yemen."

(Since the incident of a Muslim being placed in the fire by Aswad Anasi and his being saved by Allaah ﷻ's mercy had reached Madeenah Munawwarah,) Umar ﷺ enquired, "What has happened to our friend whom Allaah ﷻ's enemy (Aswad Anasee) placed in the fire, but he was not harmed?"

Abu Muslim Khawlaanee (rahimahullah) answered, "This incident took place with a person by the name of Abdullah ibn Thaub."

Umar ﷺ asked, "I ask you to take an oath, are you not that very same person?"

Abu Muslim answered, "Yes, I am that very person." On hearing this, Umar ﷺ kissed his forehead, took him to Abu Bakr ﷺ and remarked, "All praise is to Allaah ﷻ, who has granted me the ability before my death to see that man who was dealt with like Ibraaheem Khaleelullah عليه السلام." (Hilyatul-Awliyaa)

If Al-Walee ﷻ decides to assist any person, then even if a close family member or an influential person wishes to disgrace or destroy him, utilizing all his possessions and means, then too Al-Walee ﷻ will crown him with honour, protection and respect.

We should therefore never fright or fear for any of the creation. We should regard as our friend and assistant only that One Being who has no partner. If He ﷻ is the helper of any person, the person will not become perturbed by the insults and abuse of the creation. He is convinced that these insults cannot cause him any harm without the will

of Allaah ﷻ. No human, jinn, magician or satan can cause the slightest harm to anyone without the command of Allaah ﷻ. To attain the help of Al-Walee ﷻ, we must imbibe within ourselves those qualities with which He ﷻ has promised His assistance. Allaah ﷻ has stated,

ذٰلِکَ بِاَنَّ اللّٰهَ مَوْلَی الَّذِیْنَ اٰمَنُوْا

That is because Allaah is the helper of those who believe. (Muhammad)

This means that the Muslims will always dominate. Even if they are unsuccessful in this world for a limited period, they will finally be successful. The success of the hereafter is obviously for the Muslims. Therefore the Muslim will always remain successful.

In the Battle of Uhud, the disbelievers raised their slogan of falsehood,

اُعْلُ هبُلْ اُعْلُ هبل

May Hubul be exalted!

In answer to this, the Muslims proclaimed,

اَللّٰهُ اَعْلٰی وَاَجَلُّ

Allaah is the most exalted and great!

Similarly, when the non-Muslims shouted out,

لَنَا الْعُزّٰی وَلاَ عُزّٰی لَکُمْ

For us is Uzza and there is no Uzza for you,

the Muslims proclaimed,

اَللّٰهُ مَوْلاَنَا وَلاَ مَوْلٰی لَکُمْ

Allaah is our helper and there is no helper for you. (Bukhaari)